

The 1920 Decennial Census Cartoon

Activity Instructions for Students



Activity Assessment

Suggested Discussion Questions:

1. What is depicted in this cartoon?
2. What or who do you think the characters of Uncle Sam, the bear, and the man with glasses represent?
3. What were some of the major themes of the Progressive movement and apolitical reform during this period?
4. What does the number written underneath "14th Census" on the sign represent? How does this number tie into one of the major issues of the period, immigration?
5. How would taking the census and its results have tied into the themes of industrial capitalism, urbanization, and political corruption during this period?